

1 **INTEGRATED PATIENT CARE METHOD, APPARATUS, AND**
2 **SYSTEM**

3 **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

4 A method for tracking patient data allows practitioners to increase patient care
5 effectiveness. The method includes providing a host computer for storing data thereon,
6 transmitting the patient data to the host computer via a network, storing the patient data on
7 the host computer, and providing access to the patient data via a client computer. In one
8 embodiment, storing patient data includes storing a treatment plan for a patient. The method
9 may also include tracking patient compliance with the treatment plan. In another aspect of
10 the present invention, an apparatus for integrated patient care includes a patient module that
11 displays a treatment plan on a client computer, a practitioner module that monitors the
12 progress of the patient in following the treatment plan, and an office module that transmits
13 billing statements for the treatment plan to an insurance carrier. The present invention
14 facilitates increased patient contact with practitioners and increased treatment effectiveness.